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Issues in Public Administration, Annual Symposium "Public Service and Our Changing Reality"

Date

Thursday, March 21, 2002

Location

Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach, VA
36th Street and Atlantic Ave.
(757) 425-9000

Featured Topics Include

- ~ Leadership and Ethics in Public Service ~
- ~ Declining Civility in the Public Arena ~
- ~ Public Safety: Freedom vs. Safety ~
- ~ Changing Expectations of Public Servants ~

Time

Registration and Networking: 8:30 a.m.

Cost

Registration Postmarked

by March 8th: \$50

After March 8th: \$60

Student Registration Postmarked

by March 8th: \$40

After March 8th: \$50

Registration

Look for a registration form in the mail or
register on-line at

www.hampton.gov/budget/aspa

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President's Message

By Joyce Heffington

Next month the Hampton Roads Chapter will hold its *Annual Symposium on Issues in Public Administration* (formerly called Professional Development Day). This year's theme is very appropriate in light of the events of September 11th: "Public Service and Our Changing Reality". Prior to September 11, Americans of this generation were very naive. We did not think about internal clashes going on elsewhere in the world threatening our democracy because we did not have the inner political turmoil that these areas had. It wasn't arrogance, but rather ignorance.

September 11 woke us up to the reality that, although we do not threaten our own, there are others outside of our citizenship that would try to destroy us. Their methods are ones previously unheard of. Some are complaining about the two-hour wait for check-ins at the airports and the loss of curbside baggage drop-off. I myself will not resent the extra time spent in trying to secure for my safety!

In the past we have been very free with public information. But with freedom comes a certain responsibility. Now we who are entrusted with looking out for the good of those we serve have to be more responsible in giving out this information. One of the considerations is not to take anything for granted. Use caution when receiving requests for information. Don't be afraid to ask who wants it and for what purpose. Use common sense! Anyone who has nothing to hide should not be hesitant in providing this information. Remember that a public servant's job is a sacred trust. Prove yourself trustworthy in this changing reality.

Sincerely,
Joyce Heffington, President

Members' Corner

New Members/Jobs/Promotions/Awards

Erica Woods-Warrior was inducted in the *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities* for 2002. Congratulations Erica!

Erica also was also selected as first alternate for the 2002 ASPA Student Conference Grant. In the words of an ASPA staffer, the "...application did impress the judges..." Way to go Erica and best of luck for next year's award!

The Virginia Wesleyan family has lost one of its most prominent and well-respected members. **Dr. Del Carlson** lost his battle with kidney disease, and died on Monday, December 24, 2001. The Hampton Roads Chapter of ASPA wishes to extend its deepest condolences to the Carlson family.

If anyone has news to share with fellow chapter members on a new job, promotion, award, etc., please contact [Leslie Beauregard](#), E-Newsletter Editor.

Events Calendar

March 21, 2002 - Issues in Public Administration, Annual Symposium;
Theme: "Public Service and Our Changing Reality"; **Location:** Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel, Virginia Beach; **Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

May 9, 2002 - Annual Awards Luncheon;
Location: TBA; **Speaker:** Virginia State Senator Frederick Quayle

January Chapter Luncheon: A Synopsis

The Chapter's January lunch speaker was Assistant Chief Michael B. Player of the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety. Chief Player has played a key role on the committee that has developed the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response System. Chief Player shared with us what the Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) was, and how the area has been developing it for two years. The Mission of the Hampton Roads MMRS is "To develop and sustain a comprehensive medical operational response capability for the Hampton Roads communities to the consequences of Weapons of Mass Destruction terrorist acts."

The MMRS is a plan of action for responding to the health and medical needs resulting from the use of weapons of mass destruction by terrorists. The Hampton Roads Plan deals with emergency medical needs for the first 24 hours after the attack or for up to 1,000 victims. It includes procuring and providing medicine, equipment and supplies; procedures; notification; security; etc. There is also a plan in place for movement of patients to other areas if local health care is insufficient.

It is comforting to know that the jurisdictions in our area have had the foresight to prepare for a terrorist attack long before 9/11/01. There is a 14 minute video about the Hampton Roads MMRS entitled "Prepared for Terrorism: Hampton Roads Metropolitan Medical Response System." If you are interested in viewing this video, is it available in all Hampton Roads Libraries or by contacting Nancy Collins with the HRPDC at (757) 420-8300 or James Chandles with the Tidewater Emergency Medical Services Council, Inc. at (757) 446-5179.

Professional Development Day Re- shaped into "Issues In Public Administration, Annual Symposium."

By [Dr. Pete Carlson](#), Associate Professor and
Director of Graduate Programs, Government
and Public Affairs, Christopher Newport
University

The 2002 edition of the Hampton Roads Chapter's Professional Development Day is taking on a new shape this year, including a new moniker! The annual event, designed to challenge, educate, and inspire, will be re-titled this year as a symposium with the name "Issues In Public Administration, Annual Symposium." The planning committee, as approved by the chapter council, believes the new name more properly reflects the interactive sessions that have become the hallmark of this popular event.

This year's Symposium planning is rapidly taking shape and promises to be another outstanding event. Our theme this year is *Public Service and Our Changing Reality*.

The keynote speaker for our luncheon will be Dr. Kathleen McChesney, an executive leader with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. She is currently serving as the Executive Assistant to the Director of the FBI, and has previously served as the head of the agency's training at the FBI Academy in Quantico, VA. She has also been the Special Agent in Charge in two major American cities. She will be speaking on the changes we are experiencing in federal law enforcement, both domestically and internationally.

Other speakers will address Leadership and Ethics in Public Service, Declining Civility in the Public Arena, the delicate balance between our freedom and new public safety requirements, and the Changing Expectations of Public Servants.

Symposium 2002 is scheduled for Thursday, March 21st from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will take place at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia Beach, VA. Details and registration information are being mailed to all members and can be found on the Chapter website at <http://www.hampton.va.us/budget/aspa/>.

See you next month!

Reflections on Student Day, 2001

**By Rayanne Fernandes, Presidential
Management Intern/ Program Analyst for the
Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs,
Department of Housing and Urban
Development**

My name is Rayanne Fernandes and I am a recent graduate of ODU and former member of Hampton Roads Chapter of ASPA. I recently began a new job with HUD as a Presidential Management Intern/Program Analyst for the Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs. We administer grants for Homeless Programs, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, and supportive services.

I recently accessed Hampton Roads newsletters and was excited to read them. I was particularly touched by the President's Message in October's newsletter. The question, "What can Hampton Roads ASPA do to help change the increasing number of MPA graduates going to work in the private sector?" intrigued me and I started to think of my experience as an MPA student in Hampton Roads.

I must say that as a student in public administration I enjoyed being a member of ASPA. I had the opportunity to meet so many people at the local level of government and learn more about public service. So thank you to everyone who works so hard to make the Hampton Roads Chapter what it is.

Being new to public service is exciting and your idea of Student Day is the perfect solution to getting the message out there about the opportunities available at the local, state, and national level of government. I found that my classes at ODU were filled with people who worked in the public sector for many years and were in a Masters program for different reasons.

But what about students that do not have the experience and are coming out of school at the beginning of their career and are contemplating working in the public sector? We must encourage them and let them know the opportunities available to them. You can have a challenging career and at the same time serve the public. I am also proud to be a public servant – I wouldn't have it any other way!

September 11 changed many things. I saw smoke from a distance stream across my window, but little did I know that the Pentagon was under attack. I remember walking miles home with my shoes in my hand and seeing chaos on the streets and wondering what was happening in this world but I was proud to wake up the next morning and continue my career and journey as a public servant.